

A Blue Revolution for Change is Launched in Iraq

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Blue is our symbol . . . the sky is our color . . . freedom and hope our demands . . . let us be blessed with blue, and wear sky blue to announce the start of our protest . . . I call on all youth and the liberated and Iraqis . . . I call on Fathers . . . and virtuous Mothers . . . on pure, honorable Iraqi women, the restrained daughters of Ishtar, Enlil, and Sha'bad, and the granddaughters of the Virgin Mary. I also call on our free, distinguished, intellectuals, and our scholars and teachers and university professors. Our precious students, and unemployed youth, held hostage by their poverty, patience and dreams, pushed by the hope for a new Iraq that looks toward the future to surge under the banner of a revolution of hope . . . let us then be that banner, oh brothers, sons of hope, you who are crazy for hope, who create it and carry it . . . we, oh brothers, announce the birth of a blue revolution . . . a pure Iraqi revolution . . . as I write these lines, I ask every honorable Iraqi first, to wear blue to declare their protest and refusal, and to announce the start of a popular revolution against corruption and politicians, and against the occupation and the occupiers, and on defeat and those that crush us, and tyrants and on destruction, and on deviance . . . let's declare the birth of an Iraqi of hope, a diverse, democratic, free, transparent, Iraq of tomorrow . . . a pure blue revolution . . .

Not a “political” revolution, but one for true liberation led by the people, that the Iraqi nation from Zakho to al-Faw, will get under the banner of . . . from the mountain to the sea . . . a blue revolution, certain of its Iraqiness . . . so we call on all Iraqis that oppose what happened and what is happening in Iraq, and I call on all the good people who think what is happening is destruction and corruption, and I call on them to show their opposition to the present regime, and starting today to wear a blue shirt and a blue *dishdasha*, and wear a blue tie, and wear a blue watch band . . . declaring their protest, and ask every honorable Iraqi to put a blue banner on their door and on their office and everywhere under they can. We call for this color to be an initial attempt to connect protesters . . . and ask all Iraqis to follow this path, and try to build bridges of confidence between each other as a start, to declare a popular revolt, which is not supported by an official institution, or funded by any internal or external party, but rather is a kind of popular agitation . . . and an attempt to unify Iraqi cadres that have been torn apart, calling for a new Iraq . . . it's Iraqi hope . . . we invite you all to be a part of this new hope, in a first step which rejects all the destruction that happened and is a happening . . . we, oh brothers, reject all attempts by politicians, and “allied” countries and “non-allied” countries, neighbors and ones distant, Arab or non-Arab to interfere with our internal affairs. And we reject the reelection of corrupt politicians, without exception: from the Council of Ministers to the Presidency Council, to the ruling Iraqi parties and non-ruling parties, and consider all of these people and groups to be illegal. Not just because they lack any legal authorization, but also because they've proved in practice that they only serve their friends and political rivals. This fundamental principle does not distinguish one party from another, or sect or nationality from another . . . this description applies to anyone who has passed over the body of Iraq . . . and anyone who has added to the pain of Iraqis and who has aided in the ripping apart of their ranks, starting with the dictatorial regime all the way to the regime of corruption . . . we demand that you swear by Iraq . . . and swear on all the souls of the free and innocent whose blood ran for no other reason than

that they were one of the abused Iraqi people . . . that you join hands together and reject “partyization” of any kind, and cast off fear and hesitation and don’t listen to those that only want to consolidate their interests, from the supporters of Saddam’s regime to the supporters of corruption and occupation . . . we ask you to only listen to your Iraqi voice . . . and ask you to hold firm to your Iraqiness . . . starting with the simple step of unity through one color, to start to build bridges of trust between Iraqis . . . yes, we need that trust and that relationship or that symbol of protest . . . let’s get fired up to take our second step . . . an effort to unite and to start a new life and to revive the living spirit of this towering people . . . towards blue brothers . . . let’s tell everyone that we say no . . . and let blue be our “no” . . . let’s start our protest march from this point brothers

Footnote: I ask all the brothers, writers and friends, to broadcast their positions, and to make comments on my suggestion, discuss it and develop it, going towards announcing “no”

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